

Launching a University

Chula Vista's plans to attract a four-year university are shifting into high gear now that land negotiations have been completed. After thousands of hours of discussions with a variety of developers and property owners, the City recently wrapped up land acquisition efforts for a new university campus and technology park in the southeastern part of the city.

The final acreage—160 acres from JPB Development—was deeded over to the city in May. That brings the total acreage for the project to approximately 375 acres, a land package that's valued at \$250-\$300 million.

The addition of the final acreage marks the end of nearly three years of land negotiations and the beginning of an intensive period of university and college recruitment.

"We're on our way," said an exuberant Mayor Cheryl Cox. "Now that we've acquired all the land, the City can enter into intense discussions with established universities and colleges."

The concept of locating a four-year university in Chula Vista was introduced back in 1993. Land acquisition got underway several years ago when 230 acres, some of it open space, were transferred to the City by developers Brookfield Shea and the EastLake Company.

In April, another 50 acres were acquired from the Otay Land Company. In the agreement, the Otay Land Company pledged \$2 million toward recruitment efforts. The City's final land deal with JPB Development means the ambitious project can move forward immediately.

In return for the land, the City will allow developers to add more residential units to their existing plans and process their entitlements in a more streamlined way.

In addition to the university and technology park, the City-owned campus will house the prestigious charter school—High Tech High Chula Vista—and a global energy research center.

"The university—the people it attracts and the projects it generates—will bring balance to our community," added Mayor Cox. "This is a milestone in our efforts to offer the people of South County new educational opportunities. We're also excited about the high paying jobs a university and a technology park will create in our city."





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Your Service Requests- Online!

Reporting graffiti, potholes, broken street lights, and city trees that need trimming is faster and easier than ever before thanks to a new online service launched by the Public Works Department. Go to **www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/servicerequest** to report service problems in your neighborhood and to request repairs. The new user-friendly system is a convenient way for Chula Vistans to do business with the City 24/7 and actually track their requests.

Service categories incorporated into the system include: graffiti, traffic signals, street lights, street maintenance, street signs, sidewalks, city-owned trees, open space, wastewater, and storm drains. Select one of the nine categories, fill in the data field and submit the information. Those who use the new system will receive an email confirmation regarding their request, along with a tracking number that allows them to monitor the progress of their entry. Requests submitted after hours will be reviewed the next business day.

"This online system allows us to step-up our response to Chula Vista's residents and improve customer satisfaction," noted Public Works Director Dave Byers. "The sooner we know about a problem, the faster it gets fixed."

Public Works staff responds to requests using a work management system that collects and tracks each entry. Naturally, urgent requests get top priority.

Non-emergency service requests are assigned to a supervisor or field crew for investigation. City crews will not respond to service requests that are the responsibility of other agencies or private parties.

In addition to the new online system, Public Works continues to accept requests for service over the phone at (619) 397-6000.



City Bans Novelty Lighters

Chula Vista has joined a growing number of cities across the country outlawing the sale of novelty lighters. The lighters, recently banned by the City Council, are blamed for many of the nation's 80,000 house fires and are considered to be dangerous to children.

Fire prevention experts say kids playing with novelty lighters is a major cause of residential fires. Often, the lighters are designed to look like toys and have features that appeal to children. They can look like cartoon characters or miniature cellphones, footballs, cameras—and the ultimate irony—fire hydrants and fire extinguishers. Statistics show that playing with fire is the leading cause of death for young children in residential fires.

"Children used to play with matches. Now it's lighters," said Acting Fire Chief Jim Geering. "They're fascinated with the design and ignore the danger. Nationwide, fire setting by juveniles does an estimated \$1.2 billion in damage every year. And that number doesn't take into account the people who are injured or the lives that are lost."

Chula Vista's ban takes effect in late June.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the public service announcement.





On the Road

Are you one of the tens of thousands of motorists who drive along Chula Vista's 591 miles of streets and thoroughfares? With so many miles of roadway, it's not surprising that traffic issues and traffic safety top the list of concerns in recent police surveys. Those surveys show Chula Vistans are worried about aggressive drivers who speed and don't stop for red lights and stop signs.

CVPD continues to respond to your traffic-related concerns. Currently, our officers are actively participating in the national "click it or ticket" seatbelt campaign. Over the next six months, we'll be cracking down on speeding, drunk driving and other reckless behavior behind the wheel.

We're able to boost enforcement efforts by identifying and procuring grant funds to pay for personnel, overtime and equipment. Months ago, the CVPD Traffic Unit received \$173,000 in grant funding for 26 DUI checkpoints. So far, those checkpoints have netted a good number of alcohol impaired drivers. In addition, scores of cars have been impounded after their owners were cited for other serious traffic violations including driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Watch out for DUI checkpoints July 4 and Labor Day. And drive safely.

A Call for Change

Beginning July 1, the rules are changing for Californians who like to talk on their cell phones and drive. Two new laws take effect that will impact drivers of all ages. Below is an abbreviated list of the California Highway Patrol's most frequently asked questions and answers about the new cell phone laws.

Q: What is the difference between the two laws?

A: The first prohibits all drivers from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. Motorists 18 and over may use a hands-free device. Drivers under the age of 18 may not use a wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle.

Q: What if I need to use my telephone during an emergency, and I do not have a hands-free device?

A: The law allows a driver to use a wireless telephone to make emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, a medical provider, the fire department, or other emergency services agency.

Q: What are the fines if I'm convicted?

A: The base fine for the first offense is \$20 and \$50 for subsequent convictions. With the addition of penalty assessments, a first offense is \$76 and a second offense is \$190.

Q: Will I receive a point on my drivers license if I'm convicted for a violation of the wireless telephone law?

A: No. The violation is a reportable offense; however, DMV will not assign a violation point.

Q: Will the conviction appear on my driving record?

A: Yes, but the violation point will not be added.

Q: Does the new "hands-free" law prohibit you from dialing a wireless telephone while driving or just talking on it?

A: The new law does not prohibit dialing, but drivers are strongly urged not to dial while driving.

Q: Will it be legal to use a Blue Tooth or other earpiece?

A: Yes, however you cannot have both ears covered.

Q: Does the new hands-free law allow you to use the speaker function of your wireless telephone while driving?

A: Yes.



BMX Trials Coming Up

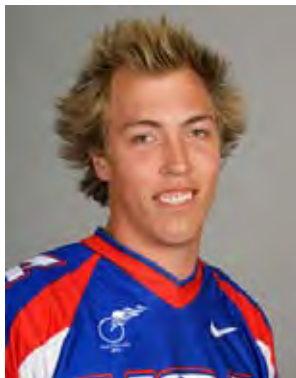
Saturday, June 14, all eyes will be on the BMX U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Chula Vista. Some of the world's most daring athletes will be competing at the U.S. Olympic Training Center for a spot on the Men's BMX Olympic Team. It's a winner-take-all race that gets underway at 10 a.m. MSNBC will be televising the competition the following day, June 15, to a national audience.

BMX Cycling is one of the new sports that will be introduced during the summer games in Beijing. The Olympic Trials will be open to the public; tickets are \$5 for children and seniors and \$10 for adults. In addition to the competition, there will be a community expo featuring well-known vendors from around the region. Athletes will be on hand for photos and autographs, making this a fun, family event. It's the next best thing to going to Beijing! For ticket information, please call (619) 482-6120 or visit www.usolympicshops.com.

Here are some of the BMX athletes to watch:

Mike Day

Day is quickly becoming one of the most accomplished young BMX athletes in the world and has been ranked number one in the UCI international BMX rankings.



Donny Robinson

After winning the BMX Olympic Test event in Beijing in August 2007, Robinson is considered one of the favorites to win this year's gold.



Jill Kintner

At the Olympic Test event in Beijing last August, Kintner placed fifth, showing she's on pace to become one of the hopefuls for an Olympic medal.



Arielle Martin

Known for her exceptional jumping skills, the third female in history to land a back-flip hopes to use her 18 years of experience racing a BMX bike to bring home Olympic gold.



The women's team will be determined based on a point system and will be announced June 30.





Via Lago Trattoria by Busalacchi



Well-known restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and his partners never ventured beyond the San Diego city limits with their fabulous food and fine wine—until Via Lago opened in EastLake last October. And we're so glad they did!

This comfortable and authentic Italian

restaurant in the upscale Village Walk at EastLake shopping center may be Chula Vista's most sophisticated dining experience. It boasts a private wine room, live music on weekends, and friendly but professional service. And then there's the food—fresh, seasonal and simply prepared. From the pomodoro sauce made with organic tomatoes to the home baked cannoli, everything is made from scratch out of the best ingredients available. The partners at Via Lago are passionate about the food they serve and the dining experience they offer their guests.

"Our clients know and appreciate good food and wine," said Jan Montell, a Busalacchi partner and long-time Chula Vista resident. "Dining at Via Lago is like sharing a meal at someone's Italian home. People don't rush through dinner.

They linger and savor—not only the food, but the experience."

Walls are painted in rich Tuscan colors and the floor is made of Italian stone. Murano glass fixtures frame the bar and brick accents introduce a touch of old world charm. An outdoor patio is the perfect place for appetizers or dessert. And the private wine room, which seats 26, is ideal for celebrations, family gatherings and even business presentations.

Via Lago is Joe Busalacchi's seventh restaurant. Often, you'll find this local legend in the kitchen, tasting sauces and inventing new dishes.

"Joe's commitment as an owner/chef is unique," noted Montell. "He's always changing the menu and always experimenting with flavors and ingredients.



He's so creative."

At Via Lago, creativity isn't limited to the menu. Busalacchi and his partners are experimenting with different kinds of dining experiences they offer their guests in Chula Vista. Just recently, the restaurant premiered the first in a series of Wine Dinners, a sold out event that included a good bit of mingling on the patio and a relaxed five course dinner with wine pairings. On Sundays, the restaurant attracts a crowd with a combination of live flamenco-style guitar music and tasty Sangria. Join Via Lago for Sangria Sundays!

Although people from all over the county are stopping in for lunch, brunch or dinner at Via Lago Trattoria, most of the regular diners live nearby in South County. "They thank us for being here," said Montell. "They thank us for opening so close to home."

For reservations, call (619) 216-8660 or visit www.vialagotrattoria.com.



Special Events

Joint Public Hearing and Workshop

The annual joint meeting of the City Council, Planning Commission and the Growth Management Oversight Commission (GMOC) will be held on Thursday, June 5 at 6 p.m. It is an opportunity for the public to comment on the GMOC 2008 annual report. The public is invited to attend the meeting held in the Police Department Community Room.



DeWalt Third Avenue Village Bike Grand Prix

Watch professional bicyclists whiz through Third Avenue at the first DeWalt 3rd Avenue Village Bike Grand Prix CBR State Criterium Championship. Catch the action on Sunday, June 8 on Third Avenue. The first race starts at

7 a.m. For more information, please call (619) 422-1982.

Music in the Park

Chula Vista's line-up of toe tapping summer concerts kicks off on June 8. Concerts are set for every other Sunday through August from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in various parks hosting different bands throughout the city. For the detailed list of concerts, call (619) 585-5682.

Pet Fest & Dog Dash

Run, walk or dash to a fun-filled festival for pet lovers in Memorial Park! The Dog Dash kicks off at 9 a.m. followed by various obedience demonstrations, pet contests, on-site adoptions, low cost clinics, a vendor village and fun for the whole family and furry friends alike! All proceeds will benefit the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. Don't miss the festivities on Saturday, June 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please call the Third Avenue Village Association at (619) 422-1982 or visit www.chulavistaevents.org.



Sixth Annual Wags for Wishes

Bring Fido to one of the largest comprehensive dog shows on the West Coast on July 11 - 13 at the Otay Ranch Town Center! Your dog can participate in seven different events: Agility, Splash Dogs, Field Lure Coursing, Herding Instincts, Canine Good Citizen, and Jack Russell Terrier races. The three-day event will also have live entertainment, a vendor village and lots of dining options. Come and see what your dog can do! Some pre-registration is required so log on to www.wagsforwishes.com for details.



New Farmers Market at Otay Ranch Town Center!

**Tuesdays
4-8 pm
2015 Birch Road**

Purchase fresh produce and flowers directly from local fields, enjoy a wide variety of delicious specialty and international foods, and select from an array of handcrafted items.

Then do a little shopping at Otay Ranch Town Center! It's all right there!



Around Town



Saturday, June 21 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

The event will be held at the Loma Verde Recreation Center, 1420 Loma Lane. Spanish interpretation and refreshments will be provided, and residents can enter to win prizes. For more information, please contact Sarah Johnson at (619) 585-5748 or sjohnson@ci.chula-vista.ca.us.

Draft Report on Bayfront Released

The San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD) has released its revised draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan and Port Master Plan Amendment. The approximately 556-acre master plan area is located west of Interstate 5 in Chula Vista, and includes

The Southwest community is uniting to make neighborhoods beautiful, safe and healthy for everyone. Share your ideas with City staff and discuss priorities for your Southwest neighborhood on

specific development projects such as the proposed Gaylord Entertainment resort and convention center and the proposed Pacifica Companies residential development.

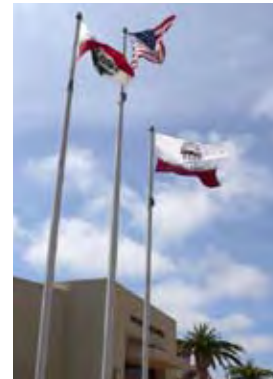


Roadway and infrastructure system improvements are also included.

The revised draft is available for public review and comment until July 8 during normal business hours at the Office of the District Clerk, SDUPD, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego. A CD copy of the revised draft EIR can be obtained by calling (619) 686-6283. It can also be viewed at www.portofsandiego.org. In addition, the revised draft EIR is located at all three Chula Vista libraries.

Civil Service Commission Needs You

Are you interested in volunteering to serve your community? Consider serving a four-year term on the City's Civil Service Commission. This five-person panel represents the community as a neutral third party that enforces the rules of the Civil Service System and has the final say in determining whether the City has acted appropriately in disciplining or terminating its employees. The Civil Service Commission works closely with the Human Resources Department.



To apply, a candidate must be 18 years or older and a registered voter in Chula Vista. Current City employees are not eligible. Applications, which are due by June 27, can be obtained at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or downloaded at www.chulavistaca.gov/sc/pc-application.

City Receives EPA Grants

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Chula Vista Redevelopment Agency to receive two grants to study and plan for the cleanup

of unsafe, contaminated properties in Southwest Chula Vista.

The 2008 EPA Brownfields grant funds will help the City and Southwest residents and local businesses identify high-risk sites for assessment and cleanup. Brownfields properties pose a serious risk to the health and safety of residents and business owners.

You can help by getting involved! For more information, contact Ken Lee, Project Coordinator, at (619) 409-5874 or klee@ci.chula-vista.ca.us. You can also visit www.chulavistaca.gov/cvrh.

Christmas in October

Volunteers will be repairing and renewing homes for low-income seniors and/or disabled residents of Chula Vista on Saturday, October 11. The program provides free painting, plumbing, electrical and more to homeowners in need. Last year, over 200 volunteers repaired the interior and exterior of four Chula Vista homes.



Contact Emerald Randolph at (619) 691-5213 for a homeowner application or stop by Fire Station 1 at 447 F Street. Completed applications are due by September 5.

Recreation Facilities to Rent

Planning a graduation, family reunion, birthday or anniversary party? Consider using one of the City's recreation centers for your next celebration.

CLICK HERE to take a virtual tour of the facilities.

In addition, the Loma Verde and Parkway pools are available to rent for private parties. For more information, check out "renting facilities" at www.chulavistaca.gov/rec.



Water Supply is Critical

San Diego County faces serious water supply challenges in 2008 and beyond. You are invited to a fun and educational event sponsored by the San Diego County Water Authority to learn more about the critical water supply challenges facing our region and the importance of water conservation.

Saturday, June 21

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Southwestern College

Student Union Cafeteria, 900 Otay Lakes Road

Refreshments will be provided. Includes fun activities for children. First 200 people will receive an environmentally friendly water bottle.

RSVP by Wednesday, June 18 to skaur@sdewa.org or call (858) 522-6710. To learn more, visit www.20gallonchallenge.com



Coping with Global Warming

Once again, the City of Chula Vista is at the forefront of environmental policy. This spring, the City Council adopted seven precedent-setting measures that, when fully implemented, are expected to bring Chula Vistas cleaner air, less congested streets and lower energy bills. The measures are recommendations of the Climate Change Working Group, community volunteers selected by the Council, and tasked with exploring ways the City can combat global warming. One of the most innovative and ambitious measures is the recommendation to adopt green building standards throughout the city, a move that would surpass the state's toughest regulations for energy efficiency.



The seven measures include the following:

- Require that 100% of the replacement vehicles for the City fleet be high efficiency (hybrid) or alternative fuel vehicles
- Encourage City-contracted fleet operators to adopt the same high-efficiency or alternative fuel vehicle replacement policy
- Require licensed businesses to participate in a free energy assessment of their premises every three years and when there is a change of ownership
- Adopt mandatory community-wide green building standards for new and substantially remodeled structures
- Facilitate widespread installation of solar photovoltaic systems on commercial, residential and municipal facilities by developing and implementing a solar energy conversion program
- Facilitate Smart Growth around all three of the City's trolley stations
- Coordinate with water agencies to convert turf lawns to water-saving plants.

Currently, City staff is identifying the cost, possible funding sources and regulatory hurdles involved in implementing the measures. They'll report their findings to the City Council in July. To learn more about the seven measures, visit www.chulavistaca.gov/clean/conservation/climate.



Photo Contest

Submit your digital photos--if you win, you'll see your creation featured in the next edition.

(Sorry--no original prints accepted.)

Email your entry to

photocontest@chulavistaca.gov

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Photo must be taken in Chula Vista
- Photo quality should be a higher resolution--or large photo at 72 dpi
- File size must be no larger than 4 MB
- Entry must include:
 - Your name and city
 - Photo subject
 - Location (in Chula Vista) where the photo was taken

Your photo will be judged on composition, quality and creativity.

Good luck!

This issue's winner:

Steven Guthrie, Chula Vista

Taken at Mountain Hawk Park



"Sunrise Over Otay Lakes"



The Latest at the Library

Summer Fun

Your Chula Vista Library is gearing up for a fun-filled summer for kids and teens! Reading over the summer months is important to every child or teen's development. Just ask the library's Debbie Taylor who entered the Summer Reading program years ago when she was in kindergarten. Taylor, all grown up now, is in charge of coordinating and developing Chula Vista's program.

"As a child, it gave me a life-long love of reading," observed Taylor. "I spent the whole summer in the library reading and learned the value of a library. The experts say children need to continue reading when they're not in school to maintain their reading skills. I know it helped me."

The Love Bug Band kicks off the Summer Reading Program with a musical performance at the South Branch Library June 14, starting at 11 a.m.

Music in the Park

Move and groove to the sounds of music as the library presents its free annual summer concert series in three parks throughout the city. To find out what you've been missing, [CLICK HERE](#) to view one of last year's events.

June---Salt Creek Recreation Center, 2710 Otay Lakes Rd:

June 8, 5-6:30 p.m.: Native Vibe – cultural rhythms

June 22, 5-6:30 p.m.: Cool Fever – down home blues and more

July---Veterans Park, 785 East Palomar St.:

July 13, 5-6:30 p.m.: John Bowman & Hip Pockit – Jazz, popular and funk

July 27, 5-6:30 p.m.: Night Shift – classic rock, blues and music of the 60s

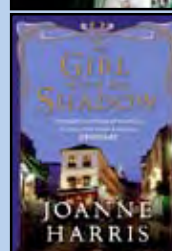
August---Memorial Park Bowl, 373 Park Way:

Aug. 3, 5-6:30 p.m.: Fattburger – smooth jazz

Aug. 17, 5-6:30 p.m.: Scott Martin Band – Latin/jazz blues

Looking for a good book discussion group?

Whether they're reading fiction or non-fiction, people everywhere are talking about books. Don't be left out of the discussion; join one of the library's reading groups. Two groups— South Bay Readers and Let's Talk About Books—meet monthly at the Civic Center branch. To learn about this month's book selection or find out how to join, call (619) 691-5069.



Too Good to Miss!

O, the Oprah Magazine Cookbook

By the editors of O Magazine

A lavishly produced compilation of 175 recipes by more than seventy-five top chefs and writers as featured in O magazine is complemented by preparation, etiquette, and wine-pairing advice.

America's Hidden History: Untold Tales of the First Pilgrims, Fighting Women and Forgotten Founders Who Shaped a Nation

By Kenneth C. Davis

Collects lesser-known historical events that impacted America's development in the years prior to Washington's inauguration.

The Joy of Pregnancy: The Complete, Candid, and Reassuring Companion for Parents-To-Be

By Tori Kropp

This comprehensive guide to pregnancy and birth provides a chapter for each month of gestation and another for the postpartum period, questions and answers from the author's Web site, highlighted tips, and amusing facts.

The Lady Elizabeth: A Novel

By Alison Weir

A vivid fictional portrait of the tumultuous early life of Queen Elizabeth I describes her perilous path to the throne of England and the scandal, political intrigues, and religious turmoil she confronted along the way, from the deaths of her parents, Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII, to the fanaticism of her sister, Mary I.

The Girl With No Shadow: A Novel

By Joanne Harris

A long-anticipated sequel to the best-selling Chocolat finds Vianne assuming a low-profile new identity in Paris, where she opens a chocolaterie and hopes to escape the ghosts of her past.

Skeletons at the Feast: A Novel

By Chris Bohjalian

During the final months of World War II, a small group of people makes their way westward across a ravaged Europe in a desperate attempt to reach British and American lines.

For the Library's "Hot Picks", [CLICK HERE](#)

Enjoy the Outdoors this Summer!

Junior National Volleyball

In June and July, the Salt Creek Recreation Center plays host to both the men's and women's Junior National Volleyball teams. Team members, ages 17 and 18, are working out at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, preparing for the upcoming Continental Championships. Their next stop could be the 2009 Junior World Championships. Practices are scheduled throughout the day and early evening, so stop by to watch the talent!

More Snores & S'mores

Pitch your tent, roast hot dogs, watch movies and play games at the second annual Snores and S'mores campout at Monteville Park on Friday, June 13. Last summer's community campout attracted a crowd of 300 people. It was such a hit, the Recreation Department is back with another night of summer fun for the whole family.

Families will be setting up camp on the spacious field close to the recreation center and sleeping under the stars! Kids won't be bored; activities include two party jumpers, arts and crafts, games, star gazing through telescopes, a hot dog dinner and two movies. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and ends Saturday morning at 10 a.m. after a continental breakfast.



"This is about the community getting together as a family and enjoying the park," said Buck Martin, the City's recreation director. "The campout is a memorable event for kids and adults, and it's a bargain at \$6 per person. Children two and younger get in free."

The 29-acre Monteville Park is located at 840 Duncan Road. To register for the event, call (619) 691-5269 or sign up online at www.chulavistaca.gov/rec. Snores and S'mores is made possible through the support of the Rolling Hills Ranch Association, Chula Vista Kiwanis Club, EastLake Wal-Mart, EastLake Costco, and the San Diego Jump Company.

Something for Everyone

One of the City's most popular "Fun to Be Fit" programs is geared towards developmentally disabled children, teens and adults. It's called Basketball One on One. Most of the program's participants have been diagnosed with Autism, Down Syndrome, or mental retardation. And every week they arrive at the Parkway Community Center to learn new skills, drills and play a real basketball game. Coaches adapt the game to the players' abilities, and everyone feels like they're part of the team. Basketball One on One is scheduled on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m.

Join the Team

Chula Vista's Recreation Department has the only wheelchair sports program for children ages four to nine in the entire South Bay. Everyone who joins the Futures Wheelchair Sports Team has a permanent physical disability such as spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy or spina-bifada. Participants sign up to learn how to play sports in a wheelchair. Kids learn wheelchair agility and basic ball handling and passing skills. The team plays three different sports—basketball, rugby and soccer—year round on Saturdays from 9:30-11 a.m. at Parkway Community Center.





Hot Dog! Summer is Here!

People and their pets look forward to the warm, lazy sun-filled days of summer. It's a time for family outings, trips to the park, and barbecues in the backyard. But too much of a good thing can be dangerous to your dog's health. Over exposure to sun and high temperatures can be deadly.

The best cure for heat exhaustion is prevention. On hot days, remember to give your pet plenty of water and shade.

Discourage vigorous activity and give your furry friend access to an air-conditioned room.

Early signs of heat exhaustion include heavy panting, hyperventilation, weakness, confusion, vomiting or diarrhea. Reduce your pet's body temperature as quickly as possible by wrapping the animal in cool (not cold), moist towels. Seek professional help immediately.

Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot during the summer; hot enough to burn a dog's pads. With an older or overweight dog, avoid the midday heat, and take slow, short walks early in the morning or late at night.



A natural coat that has been groomed offers protection from sunburn and acts as cooling insulation. Shaving your dog's coat or giving it a close cut for summer may require that you apply sunscreen. This is especially important in dogs with light colored coats.

With ample precaution, both you and your pet should be able to enjoy those long, hot dog-days of summer!



Endangered Lizard

Another endangered species—the Coast Horned Lizard—has taken up residence at the Chula Vista Nature Center. Visitors will find the rare lizard, a California native, on display in a stand-alone terrarium just inside the Nature Center's entrance.

With horns projecting from the back of its head and pointed scales lining the sides of its body, the creature looks prehistoric. When threatened, the lizard shoots a small stream of blood from its eyes to distract a predator and allow time for escape.

Habitat destruction and the loss of its favorite food source—an ant species—contributed to the Coast Horned Lizard's endangered status. Its range extends from northern California to the tip of Baja, California.

Another endangered species at the Nature Center is the Light-footed Clapper Rail. The center's successful captive breeding program combined with the efforts of partners such as SeaWorld, the San Diego Wild Animal Park and U.S. Fish & Wildlife, have given the species a new lease on life. Rails are being reared and returned to the region's wetlands—from Santa Barbara to Mission Bay. Seven new chicks were hatched at the Nature Center last month.



Helpful Connections

Animal Control	619-691-5123
Budget and Analysis	619-691-5049
City Attorney	619-691-5037
City Clerk	619-691-5041
City Council	619-691-5044
City Manager	619-691-5031
Communications and Media Relations	619-691-5296
Environmental Services	619-691-5122
Engineering	619-691-5021
Finance	619-691-5250
Fire	619-691-5055
General Services	619-397-6220
Human Resources	619-691-5096
Job Hotline	619-691-5095
Library	619-691-5069
Nature Center	619-409-5900
Building Division	619-691-5272
Planning Division	619-691-5101
Police	619-691-5151
Public Works Operations	619-397-6000
Purchasing	619-691-5141
Redevelopment & Housing	619-691-5047
Recreation	619-409-5979
Special Events Hotline	619-585-5682
Transit Division	619-397-6059

Service Requests 619-397-6000
www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/servicerequest

CITY SERVICES (CHULA VISTA)

Park Reservations:	619-397-6197 www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/parkreservation
Graffiti Hotline	619-691-5198
Graffiti IN PROGRESS	911
Graffiti Abatement Program Info Online	http://www.chulavistaca.gov/City_Services/Community_Services/Public_Works_Operations/Traffic_sign/graffiti.asp
Report Crime	619-691-5151 www.chulavistapd.org
Local Environmental Info	www.chulavistaca.gov/clean
Code Enforcement Info Desk	619-691-5280
Chula Vista Police Community Relations	619-691-5127
Household Hazardous Waste Program Info	619-691-5122
Passport Appointment Line	619-409-1949

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES

Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce	www.chulavistachamber.org
Chula Vista Elementary School District	www.cvesd.k12.ca.us
Chula Vista Community Collaborative	www.chulavistacc.org
South Bay Community Services	www.southbaycommunityservices.org
County of San Diego	www.co.san-diego.ca.us
Port of San Diego	www.portofsandiego.org
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)	www.sandag.cog.ca.us
San Diego Better Business Bureau	www.sandiego.bbb.org
San Diego Gas and Electric	www.sdge.com
San Diego Union-Tribune (San Diego daily newspaper)	www.signonsandiego.com
South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC)	www.sandiegosouth.com
Southwestern College	www.swc.cc.ca.us
Sweetwater Union High School District	www.suhdsd.k12.ca.us
Third Avenue Village Association	www.cvdbsa.com
Franchise Tax Board	www.ftb.ca.gov
Local News, Weather, Traffic & Media	www.homeport-sd.com/news